FINANCIAL AND COMMERCIAL.

A Dull but Very Strong Stock Market.

MONEY MADE STRINGENT

Quarterly Statement of the State Banks.

Wall Street, Wednesday, Dec. 24—6 P. M. There was no work done to-day on the Stock Exhange worth a line of print. Business was made take a back seat and the customary wrangle over rices was forced to give way to the prevalence of a ral hilarity. Without entering into the ecclesiasical propriety of celebrating a Christian festival by pagan ceremonies, it is certain that it was done, nevertheless, to the benefit of all concerned. The festive broker was in high feather to-day and snowed the possession of a soul that rose above a grovelling asping at eighths and quarters. Between the hours of eleven and twelve o'clock there was an intermison of business and an hour of fun, heartly entered into and enjoyed by everybody. To the casual ker on it was an hour of child's play, but to the bserver who sought in the uproar for a deeper exhibition was simply an outburst, in a very natural way, of the thankful spirit which the heart of every broker at the betternt to his circumstances which has come to him during the current year. From 1873 to 1879 the oker had a hard road to travel. For the last six onths the way has been easier in all cases, pleasant n many and profitable in most. The hilarious demonstration in the Board room to-day was the outward exhibition of a deeper and heartfelt sense of tude for benefits conferred. Generous, openarted, honest and honorable as they are, it would be difficult to find the peers of Stock Exchange members in any kindred association. All this Board room rollicking, however, made a sad business for ation. The best hour of the day was cut out, d there remained nothing better than a dismembered session. Nevertheless prices were strongly held and when the chance offered they advanced. Strength was the rule and weakness the exception. r prices were made for Erie, Lake Shore, Kansas and Texas and other prominent stocks. If the less rominent ones were duli and neglected they did ot suffer in the way of a decline. Briefly, the market, which was of the most costermongering des tion and had never anything better than a retail look bout it, remained strong the day through, with an nclination (if it had any inclination at all) toward higher prices. From our despatch it does not ap-pear that the Philadelphia market was any more date than our own in spite of the broadbrimmed influence which is supposed to frown down any indecorous levity. Business was a myth and changes in prices fractional. Pennsylvania Railroad tended to weakness under an apprehension that the next monthly statement would show a decrease in earn-

Total sales at the Board were 108,063 shares, against 214,706 yesterday. Following is an epitome of the day's transactions :-

3	Sales.	est.	est. W	'edn'y.	Tu'd's
American Par	100	58	58	58	way.
American Ex Atl. & Pac. Tel	100	41	41	41	4014
Canada Southern.	1,400	66	65 14	66	66
Caribou Mining	-,	_		-	5
C., C., C. & I	***	_	-	-	78
Ches. & Ohio	100	17%	1734	17%	1
C. C. & I. C	1,800	215	20%	2036	20%
Chi., St. P. & Min. Chi. & N. W Chi. & N. W. pf	* 100	46	46	46	45%
Chi. & N. W	2,300	8734	86%	87%	8636
Chi. & N. W. pf	400	103 %	103 %	103 14	102%
Chi., M. & St. P	6,400	73%	7214	73%	72%
C., M. & St. P. pt.	500	99%	99%	9934	98%
Ch., Rock Is. & P.	250	149	148		-
Clev. & Pittsburg.	450	106%	106%	10634	=
Cumberland coal.		-		-	22
Del., L & West	8,200	8334	8214	83	8214
Del. & Hudson	700	7434	74	74%	73%
Han. & St. Jo Han. & St. Jo. pt.	200	64	63%	64	63 14
Illinois Central	300	99	9814		983
Ind., Cin. & L	400	- 3	3	3	3
Kansas Pacific	-	_		1900	85
Lake Shore	11,900	102	10034	10134	100%
Lake Erie & West.	100	20	20	20	20
Louisville & Nash.	400	86	86	86	86%
Little Pittsburg	100	2936	2016	29 1	29%
Manhattan RR	300	55	5436	5434	55%
Met. Hailroad	-	_	-		120
Michigan Central.	2,700	9334	9136	9234	91%
Mobile & Onio	200	2052	20	-	-
Mo., Kan. & Tex	17,700	32%	31 %	32%	31%
Morris & Essex	300	101	101%	101%	101%
Nash., C. & St. L New Cen. Coal	1,500	78%	78%	78%	78%
New Cen. Coal		-	-		33%
N. J. Central	3,000	81%	80	81%	80
N. Y. Central N. Y. Elevated	200	130	130	130	
N. Y. Elevated	100	123	123	123	123 14
N. Y., L. E. & W	20,400	41 %	40% 67%	4136	41%
N. Y., L. E.& W pf.	1,000	6834	30%	6836	67%
Northern Pacific Northern Pac. pf.	300	5634	56	31%	55
Ohio & Miss	400	28 14	2734	28%	27%
Ohio & Miss. pf	500	573	5634	6734	57 %
Oregon R. & Nav.	100	102	102	102	101%
Pacific Mail	2,600	3534	34%	3534	35%
Pacific Mail Phil. & Reading	900	6734	6734	6736	67
Pullman P. C. Co.	190	104	103		_
Sutro Tunnel	1,100	336	334	334	314
St. L. & San F	400	4236	42	42	4114
St. L. & San F. pf.	300	49	48%	4834	48%
St. L.& S.F. 1st pf.	325	6934	69	70	70
St. L., I. M. & S.	1,800	4536	4434	45%	45
St. P. & S. City		-	-	-	35%
St. P. & S. City pf	-	-	-	-	73
Union Pacific	400	83	82%	83	8234
Wab., St. L. & Pac.	2,900	4114	40%	4114	40%
Wab., St.L.& P. pt	3,700	6434	6314	64	63 14
Wes. Union Tel	5,300	1013	100	101	100%
United States Ex.		-		1	49
The closing quo	tations	were a	s follow	vs:	
Bid.	Asked	1		Bid.	AnkerL

Money on call upon stock collaterals ruled at 7 per cent. At one time an extra per diem of 1-16 was paid, but the market later became easier and closed at 5 per cent. It is generally believed that big operators borrowed money to-day and lent it out at a shave in order to depress the stock market in the quotations for time loans and mercantile

Government bonds were in good demand and \$100,000 coupon fours were taken at 104. The market

closed arm at the following quotation	ons:-	
	Bid.	Arked
United States sixes, 1880, registered.	102%	1025
United States sixes, 1880, coupon	105 %	1053
United States sixes, 1881, registered.	104	104 5
United States sixes, 1851, coupon	107	107 5
United States fives, 1881, registered.	103	103 %
United States fives, 1881, coupon	Itti	10334
United States 4 %'s, 1891, registered.	106%	1063
United States 4 %'s, 1891, coupon	10634	1063
United States fours, 1907, registered		1001 5
United States fours, 1907, coupon	103%	104 5
United States currency sixes, 1895	121	-
United States currency sixes, 1896	121%	-
United States currency sixes, 1897	12134	-
United States currency sixes, 1898	122	-
United States currency sixes, 1899	12214	-
State securities were newlected.	Railway	bond

were active as compared with the stock market, and a decided advance in prices was made. Following in

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In the London market consols were a fraction

higher, at 97% a 97% for money and 97% a 97% for the account. United States bonds were firm. New fours advanced from 106 to 106%, while 4 1/2's sold at 109% and fives at 106%. Eric sold at 42%, preferred at 70 a 72, consolidated firsts at 119%, do. seconds at 89%, funded fives at 83 a 84, Illinois Central at 102, Pennsylvania at 52, Reading at 35% and New Jersey Central at 85 a 86. Atlantic and Great Western firsts rose from 54 1/4 to 55 1/4 and do. seconds from 24 1/4 to rose from 34% to 55% and do, seconds from 34% to 25%. Bar silver is quoted at 52%d, per ounce. At Paris rentes fell off to 81f, 40c. Following are the closing London quotations:—Consols for money, 97% a 97%; do, for account, 97% a 97%; four per cent nds, 106%; 4% per cent bonds, 109%; fives of 1881, 106%; Erie, common shares, 42%; do., preferted shares, 70 a 72; do., firsts, 11914; do., seconds, 89%; do., fives, 83 a 84; New Jersey Central, 85 a 86; Illi-

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nois Central, 102.		and the second second
Foreign exchange in	this market v	was quiet at the
following rates:-		5 To 100
London-	Counter.	Selling.
Sixty days' sight	- a 4.82	4.80% a 4.81%
Demond	- a 4.84%	4.83 a 4.83%
Cable transfers	- 8 4.85	4.84 84.84%
Commercial		4.79% a 4.80
Three days' sight		4.81% & 4.82
Paris, francs-		-0.000
Sixty days' sight	5.21 % a 5.22 %	5.21% a 5.23%
Demand	5.19% a 5.20	5.20 a 5.20%
Cable transfers	- a 5.1814	5.19% -
Commercial		5.231 a 5.25
Three days' sight		5.22 1 a 5.23 1
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Savannah, buying 36 o	if, selling 14 o	ff; Charleston,
free offerings, 4/ a 5-16.	Ma par: Nev	w Orleans, com-

mercial 3.50 discount, bank 1.50 discount; St. Louis, 3.20 discount: Chicago, 150 a 200 discount, and Boston, 1 shilling discount. The statement of the State banks of this city for

the quarter ending December	or 13 is n	nost fr	worable,
showing an increase.			
LIABILI	TIES.		
Capital	11.825,200		
	4,765,400	Inc.	\$217,200
Circulation	18,200	20000	
Due banks	4,384,300	Dec.	167,500
Due depositors	30,628,900	Inc.	1,988,600
Unpaid dividends	66,700	Dec.	62,400
Total liabilities	51,688,700	Inc.	1,975,900
ILESOUT	CES.		
Loans and discounts	36,986,900	Inc.	1,969,000
gages	2,890,800	Dec.	1,379,600
Due from banks	3,483,200	Inc.	
Real estate	1,489,300	Inc.	
Cash items and bank notes	201,400	Inc.	54,700
Specie	3,545,800	Inc.	2,159,900
Legal tenders	3,080,000		1,274,600
Overdrafts	11 300		19 800

Total liabilities......\$51,688,700 Inc.\$1,975,900 Earnings of the Rock Island Company for the first two weeks of December show an increase of \$81,000. and five days of December show an increase of

\$103,000 over the corresponding period last year. Following are the earnings of the Louisville and Nashville road for the second week of December:-The following despatch from the West gives the movement of grain at the leading points there to-

day:-Milwaukee-Receipts of wheat, 65,400 bushels; shipments, 5,500 do.; receipts of corn, 4,400 do.; shipments, none. Chicago-Receipts of wheat, 144,392 bushels: shipments, 30,324 do.; receipts of corn, 224,704 do.; shipments, 41,534 do.

corn, 221,704 do.; shipments, 41,004 do.
At the New York Mining Board to-day the marke
was generally quiet. The following were the sales :-
Shares.
5,400 Buckeye
5.300 Lucerne
4.000 South Hite 3.10 a 3.00
3,500 Rappahannock
2,000 Granville
1,800 Leadville 4.55 a 4.50
1,600 Hukili 3.80 a 3.75
1,200 Gold Placer
1,150 Suamrock 1.45 a 1,40
855 Consolidated Virginia 3 25 a 3.50
600 Tip Top 1.70 a 1.75
550 American Flag
500 Green Mountain 2.00 a -
500 Goodshaw (as. unpaid)
100 Goodshaw (as. paid)
450 California 3.10 a 3.25
450 Belle Isle 1.45 a 1.35
420 Bechtel 1.20 a —
300 Plumas 2.50 a -
150 Moose 2.9583 a -
100 Lacrosse
100 May Belle
100 Tuscarors
10) Caledonia B. H 2.55s15 a -
100 Imperial
89 Bulwer 91/4
70 Bodie 8 8 81/b
20 Storra Nevada 2014 a -
The closing quotations were:-
American Flag 50 - G. Mountain 2.05 21

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Lucerne...
Moose...
Plumas...
Rappahant
South Hite At San Francisco the opening prices of mining 4%; Chollar, 5%; Opbir, 6%; Hale & Norcross, 5½; Crown Point, 1.90; Yellow Jacket, 9%; Belcher, 2%; Imperial, 13-32; Virginia Consolidated, 3.10; California, 3.10; Best & Belcher, 93; Union Consolidated, 43%, after 41; Alpha, 714; Sierra Nevada, 1814; Mexican, 17%; Silver Hill, .80; Justice, .85; Julia, 1.40; Utah, 7½; Alta, 5%; Bodie, 9%; Independence, 13-16; Segregated Belcher, 12; Bulwer, 9; Mono, 3%.

solidated, 114; Original Keystone, 3.20. COMMERCIAL REPORT.

Consolidated Pacific, 4%; Potosi, 2%; Exchequer, 2; Mammoth, 2%; North Standard, 1.95; Boston Con-

COTTON ON THE SPOT UNCHANGED : FUTURES CLOSED STEADY - PLOUR PIRM - WHEAT FIRMER-CORN STEADY-OATS EASIER-PORK QUIET-ROSIN QUIET-COFFEE QUIET-SUGAR WEDNESDAY, Dec. 24-6 P. M.

Business, both on and off 'Change, was light, and the markets were, almost without exception, in the same position as reported in our last.

Alconol was quiet at 40c. for export and \$2.11 a

\$2 12 for free.

COFFEE.—The market for Rio was dull. We note sale of 5,000 bags Rio ex A. F. Stallnecht, on private terms; 1,835 bags Rio, ex Biela, and 500 bags Bantos, ex Humboldt, were withdrawn. Mild coffee ruled quiet. The business is summed up as follows:—661 bags and mats Java, 3,967 bags Laguayra and 100 bags Jamaica sold in lots for consumption within the range. We quote:—Ordinary cargoes, 14c.; fair do., 15%c.; good do., 15%c.; prime, 16%c.; Santos, fair to good, 15%c. a 16%c. 90 days; Java, grass mats, 24c. a 25c.; Singapore, 16c. a 17c.; Ceylon, 14c. a 17c.; Maracaibo, 14c. a 18c.; Laguayra, 14%c. a 16c.; Jamaica, 14c. a 16c.; St. Domingo, 13c. a 14c.; Porto Rico, 15c. a 17c.; Costa Rica, 14c. a 17c.; Mexican, 16c. a 17k.c.; Mocha, 24c. a 24%c.; Angostura, 17c. a 16c.; Savanilis, 18c. a 18c. Corrow on the spot was dull, but without change; futures were duil, but closed steady at a slight advance. The sales for future delivery between ton A. M. and three P. M. sum up 57,100 bales, as follows:— Santos, ex Humboldt, were withdrawn. Mild coffee

	Op'd.	Closel.	Closed Tursday.	Sales.	Range.
Jan. Peb. March April May June. July	12.74 13.01 18.25 12.41 13.61	12.66 a 12.6 12.97 a 12.9 13.24 a 13.2 13.44 a 13.4 13.63 a 13.6 13.78 a 13.8 13.90 a 13.6 14.00 a 14.0	7 12.51 a 12.53 8 12.60 a 12.62 6 12.02 a 12.90 5 13.16 a 13.17 5 13.52 a 13.54 6 13.52 a 13.54 6 13.79 a 13.81 2 13.89 a 13.91	8,100 34,200 33,200 11,100 4,500 2,400 900	12.60 a 12.74 12.00 a 13.02 13.18 a 13.25 13.37 a 13.48 13.61 a 13.67
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Southern family. 700 a 9.00 Corn meal, Western white. 300 a 310 Corn meal, Western white. 300 a 310 Corn meal, Western white. 300 a 310 a 310 Corn meal, Brandywine. 335 a — Corn meal, Brandywine. 335 a — Corn meal, prize medal. 345 a prize prize prize medal. 345 a prize p

Casks. Market caster; 39 hhds. and 45,000 lbs, sold at St. Caster.

Witherry.—Recolpts, 551 bbls. Market steady at \$1 19. Pransights—There was a very trifling business done at about steady rates. Engagements:—To Liverpool, by soil, 8,000 businels grain, 4d., 60 lbs., and steam, 1,300 sacks Bour, 10s. 6d.; 20 hhds. tallow, 20s. Bristol, steam, 400 buses cheese, 30s. Lendon, sail, 500 bbls. Bour, 1s. Dd.; and steam, 200 packages provisions, 30s.; 8,000 businels grain, 3d.; 1,000 sacks flour, 20s.; 25 bays cloversed, private terms: Glasrow, ateam, 8,000 bushels grain, private terms: Havre, steam, 8,000 bushels grain, and 4s. 3d. per quarter. Charters—An Austrian bark, head to Constantinople, 12,000 cases. Continent, tellural production, 12 continent, 15 continent,

100 lbs., 1 mark; previsions, per 100 lbs., 1.60 marks; cotton, ner lb., \$2c. To Bremen, by steam—Grain, per 100 lbs., 1.55 marks; provisions, per 100 lbs., 1.75 marks; cotton, per lb., \$2c. a \$2c. To Answerp, by steam—Grain, per bashel, 74; tubacco, per hbd., 35a. a 37a. 64; provisions, per tou, 32a. 64; cotton, per lb., \$2c. To Rotterdam, by steam—Grain, per bashel, 7d; provisions, per ton, 37a. 6d. a 40a.; cotton, per lb., \$2c.; flour, 3a. 6d.

NEW YORK CATTLE MARKETS. WEDNESDAY, Dec. 24, 1879.
RECRIPTS FOR TWO DAYS.
Veals Sheep and Sheep and Lambs, 6,082 2,200

Guirea. 508 Fards. Berres. 3,230 artieth street. 953 ersey City. 953 need at 10-4c. per 1b., 12 head at 11c. per 1b.—weights 74; ewt. a 85; ewt. Voccel & Regenstein sold for Nove & Regenstein 1sc 2 lilinois steers—136 head at 9c. a 95c, per 1b.; of head at 95; a 10 head at 10-5c. a 10-5c. per 1b. with \$15 off the head and \$74.50 on the herd. At Jersey City vards Concy & McPherson sold for F. White 13 Pomisylvania steers—5 head at 10-5c, per 1b.; 1st head at 80-5c, per 1b., weight 7c weit. 10-7c. per 1b.; 1st head at 80-5c, per 1b. weight 8c. a 10-5c, per 1b.; 1st head at 80-5c. per 1b.; 1st head at 80-5c. per 1b., weight 10-5c. ewt.; for N. Lebman 10 oxen at 95-5c. per 1b. weight 10-5c. ewt.; for N. Lebman 10 oxen at 95-5c. per 1b. weight 10-5c. ewt.; for N. Lebman 10 oxen at 95-5c. per 1b. weight 10-5c. ewt.; for N. Lebman 10 oxen at 95-5c. per 1b. weight 10-5c. a 10-5c. per 1b., weight 95-5c. per 1b., weight 95-5c. per 1b., weight 95-5c. per 1b., weight 95-5c. per 1b., weight 80-5c. per 1b., weight 80-5c. per 1b., weight 80-5c. per 1b., weight 80-5c. per 1b. 17 head at 10-5c. a 10-5c. per 1b.—weights 65-5c. wt. a 65-5c. per 1b. 17 head at 10-5c. a 10-5c. per 1b.—weights 55-5c. at 10-5c. per 1b.—weights 75-5c. per 1b., weith 85-6c. per 1b., 15-6c. per 1b., 15-6c. per 1b.,

DOMESTIC MARKETS. Cotton frm; middling, 12e.; low middling, 11%c.; good ordinary, 11%c. Net receipts, 3,452 bales. Experis—To freat Britain, 3,381; coastwise, 2,577. Sales, 3,772. Stock, 85,272. Stock, 85,272.

New Orleans, Dec. 24, 1879.

Cotton quiet and steady; middling, 11½c.; good ordinary, 11½c. kt receipts, 7,364 bales gross, 7,856. Exports, coastwise, 1,741. Sales, 6,000; last wrening, 4,500. Stock, 280,189.

Cotton quiet; middling, 11%c, a 11%c, low middling, 11%c, a 11%c, good ordinary, 11c. Net receipts, 2,223 bales, Exports—To France, 3,316; coastwise, 923 Sales, 2,000. Stock, 61,685.

Cotton quiet; middling, 12/2c.; lew middling, 11/2c.; lew middling Stock, 97,333.

WILMINGTON, N. C., Dec. 24, 1870.

Spirits turpentine firm; 38c. bid. Rosin firm; strained, \$1 20; good strained, \$1 20. Crude turpentine steady; hard, \$1 60; yellow dip, \$2 60. Tar firm at \$1 10. Corn firm; prime white, 68c.; mixed 68c.

2,000 do.: ryo, 800 do.

Plour strong and in good demand; sales 1,200 bbls. white at \$0.50. Wheat stronger; extra white Mchigan, no sales; No. 1 white Michigan, \$1.38\sqrt{s}\$: December, \$1.38\sqrt{s}\$: December, \$1.38\sqrt{s}\$: No. 1 white Michigan, \$1.38\sqrt{s}\$: December, \$1.38\sqrt{s}\$: No. 1 white Michigan, \$1.38\sqrt{s}\$: December, \$1.38\sqrt{s}\$: No. 1 milling, \$1.34\sqrt{s}\$: No. 1 amber Michigan, \$1.38\sqrt{s}\$: No. 2 red Michigan, \$1.38\sqrt{s}\$: Corn firm; No. 1 yellow, 40c.; high mixed, 40\sqrt{c}\$: No. 1 mixed, 46c. No. 2 mixed, 40\sqrt{c}\$: No. 2 mixed, 40\sqrt{s}\$: No. 2 mixed, 30\sqrt{s}\$: No

PRINT CLOTH MARKET. The print cloth market is quiet and unchanged in any

EUROPEAN MARKETS.

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LIVERPOOL, Dec. 24—5 P. M.
Cotton—Futures closed dull but steady: uplands, low middling clause, May and June desirvery, 7.5 32d.

LIVERPOOL, Dec. 24, 1879.

The Cotton Exchange will close to night until Monday next, and will also be closed on the let of January.

PRODUCK EXCHANGE.

LIVERPOOL, Dec. 24, 1879.

Pork—Prime mess, Rastern, dull at 182s.; do., Weetern, dull at 59s. Bacon—Cumberland cut dull at 38s.; short rib dull at 39s. di.; short clear dull at 39s. Hams—Long cut dull at 40s. Shoulders dull at 25s. Beof—India mess dull at 80s. extra do, dull at 182s. di.; short clear dull at 32s. Trime Wessern steady at 38s. Tallow—Prime city dull at 37s.; turpentine, prints, firmer at 31s. dd.; rosin, common, dull at 60s. John, dull at 16s.; cheese, American choice, dull at 60s. 2 steady at 30s. Wheat—String 40s. Flour—Extra States at 30s. M. 2 steady at 30s. Wheat—String 40s. Flour—String Atlant at 62s. do., Bottoned dull at 55s. Jd. Cottoneed dull at 55s. 9d. Cottoneed of Livellow American, none in market. Rosin—Common at London dull at 5s. Turpentine—Spirits at London steady at 32s.

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FRED TAYLOR, Cashier.

GEO. C. LYMAN, Secretary.

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METROPOLITAN ELEVATED RAILWAY COMPANY.
No. 71 BROADWAY.
New York, Dec. 16, 1879.
A quarterly dividend of (2½-per cent) two and one-half per cent upon the capital stock of this company will be paid on and after the 2d day of January next at the Contral Trust Company, 15 Nassau at., New York, to the stockholders of record on the 22d inst. The transfer books will be closed at 3 o'clock F. M. on the 22d inst. and reopened on the morning of the 3d January next.

JOHN E. BODY, Treasurer.

METROPOLITAN ELEVATED RAILWAY COMM. pany, No. 71 Broadway, New York, December 10,
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Mortrange Bouds of this company will be plad ou and after
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Ohlo and Mississippi Railway Company.
By direction of the Circuit Court of the United States for
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The Transfer Books of the First and Second Preferred Income Bonds of this company will be closed December 31, 1879. at 3 o'clock F. M., and will be respended at 10 o'clock A. M., January 29, 1889. Helders of outstanding consolidated bonds, interest certificates and partly paid coupons will please present them before December 31, 1870, for exchange into Preferred Income Bonds of the company.

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The following DIVIDEND for the current half year has been declared, payable on or after January 18:FIVE per cont per annum on sums from \$6 to \$500 and FOUR per cont on any excess ever \$500.
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NEW YORK, DECEMBER 6, 1870.

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A CORRECTION.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD :-In my interview, reported in the HERALD of De-cember 15, I made one statement which I desire to correct. I had what I considered authority for asserting that Dr. Kirkbride had been an inmate in his asylum. Distinguished members of the medical profession have, however, written me that there never have been any grounds for considering Dr. Kirkbride have been any grounds for considering Dr. Kirkbride as anything but perfectly sane. He was shot in the head by an escaped lunatic, without, however, munitesting an symptoms of mental disorder. I consider this to have been the origin of a gravely mistaken rumor, and regret that my incerrect statement has been made, giving unnecessary pain to a well known physician as well as his numerous friends. As far as a withdrawal of the statement can render amonds I make the fullest retraction through your columns. Truly yours,

DECEMBER 23, 1879.

THE NEW LOCAL GOVERNMENT.

CHANGES WHICH ARE TO GO INTO EFFECT ONL WEEK FROM TO-DAY-CITY AND COUNTY OF FICERS.

A number of changes will take place in the city

government after the 1st of January. If the demo-crats in the Board of Aldermen should unite and work in harmony with Mayor Coper, as the charter tands at present, a large share o' additional patronge might be secured. But it is thought likely that the republican legislators at Albany will this winter endeavor to keep Tammany Hall from going to pieces as a political organization, knowing that by such and State can best be kept alive. It is also exceedingly probable that the present combination be ween the Tammany and the republican City Fathers will be maintained next year-at least during the Mayor Cooper's hands will remain tied in the matter of filling departmental and other vacancies. The of hims departmental and other vacancies. Lie filure in the early part of the year to confirm certain nominations of republicans sent in to the Aldermen by Mayor Cooper resulted in the deadlock which still continues, and at the same time broke up the auti-Tammany-republican combination. The term of office of Mr. Allan Campbell, Commissioner of Public Works, will expire on the 29th inst. It is place by Mayor Cooper, but that he cannot be con-firmed under the present political status. The Comptroller's term of office, too, expires next No-vember. It would be difficult to predict what will

vember. It would be difficult to predict what will be the fate of this official when that date arrives. This is the only office of any importance that Tammany will control after the lat of January. All the county offices will be run principally in the interest of the Irving Hall party, which has been recognized as the regular democratic organization of this city since the bolt at Syracuse.

The offices to be filled now are as follows:—Police Commissioner, in place of De Witt C. Wheeler; Tax Commissioner, in place of John Wheeler; Dock Commissioner, in place of Henry Dudley; thirty-five City Marshals: Police Justice, in place of Henry Murray; Excise Commissioner, in place of Richard J. Morrison, Philip Merkle and. George W. Morton.

In addition to the above, the terms of Police Justices Duffy and Smith, and of Corporation Counsel Whitney also expire next year.

The following is a list of the principal officers of the city and county government as it will stand after the list of January:—
Sheriff—Peter Bowe, anti-Tammany democrat.

County Clerk—William A. Butler, anti-Tammany democrat.

Register—Fréderick W. Loew, anti-Tammany democrat.

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ocrat.

Coroners—Gerson N. Herrman and Thomas
Knox, anti-Tammany democrats; John H. Bra
republican; Moritz Ellinger, anti-Tammany der

Mayor—Edward Cooper, anti-Tammany democrat, Comptroller—John Kelly, Tammany democrat, City Chamberlain—J. Nelson Tappan, Tammany

Corporation Counsel—William C. Whitney, Police Commissioners—John R. Voorhis Charles F. MacLean, anti-Tammany democrats; Witt C. Wheeler and Stephen B. Freuch, republica Public Works—Allan Campbell, anti-Tamma

Public Works—Alian Campbell, anti-Tammany democrat.
Charities and Correction—Townsend Cox, independent democrat; Thomas S. Brennan, Tammany democrat; Jacob Hess, republican.
Fire—Vincent C. King and Join J. Gorman, Tammany democrate; Cornelius Van Cott, republican.
Health—Charles F. Chandler and Edward G. Janeway, independent democrats.
Farks—Samuel Conover and Smith E. Lane, Tammany democrats; James F. Wennan and William C. Wetmore, independent democrats.
Docks—Henry F. Dimock and Jacob Vanderpoel, independent democrats.
Taxes and Assessments—John Wheeler, Tammany democrat; John N. Hayward, anti-Tammany democrat; Groge B. Vanderpoel, independent democrat.
Buildings—Henry J. Dudley, Tammany democrat.
Excise—Richard J. Morrison and Philip Merkle,
Tammany democrat.

Excise—Richard J. Morra-Thomas Dunlap, Tam-Commissioner of Jurors—Thomas Dunlap, Tammany democrat. Corporation Attorney—William A. Boyd, Tam-

Fourth District—Thomas Shiels and William P. Kirk, Tammany democrat.

Fifth District—John J. Morris and John W. Jacobus, republicans; Bernard Goodwin, anti-Tammany temocrat.

republican.
Seventh District—Robert Hall, anti-Tammany
democrat; Robert Foster, Tammany democrat; Frederick R. Helbig, Tammany democrat.
Eighth District—Henry C. Perley and John McClave, republicans; Matthew J. Coggey, anti-Tammany democrat.
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Clave, republicans; Matthew J. Coggey, anti-Tammany democrat.

Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards—Henry
Haffen, Tammany democrat.

At Large—William Wade, republican; James J.
Slevin, Patrick Keenan and William Sauer, Tammany democrats; Nicholas Haughton and C. H. Marshall, anti-Tammany democrats.

The Board of Aldermen for 1880 will thus stand 9
Tammany democrats, 7 anti-Tammany and 6 republicans.

LEADEN SKIES AND DIRTY STREETS.

NOTHING ACCOMPLISHED YESTERDAY BY THE

CHRISTMAS PEDESTRIANS. All the predictions of a green Christmas culmi ated last night in a black Christmas Eve. Seldom

has such heavy weather fallen to the lot of the New orker at this merry season. Even Dickens' description of a London fog fails to suggest a picture of the horrible weather Santa Claus found hanging over the metropolis on his annual visit to the city, of which he is the tutolar saint. The clouds had dropped down upon the earth and clung limp and wet to everything terrestrial. During the day it seemed as if the very neavens were falling. Whole lump. The chimney tops touched the norizon; the air was soggy; nature wept instead of smiling, as is its wont at Christmas time; the heavens hung out only a mantle of darkness and all through the

CONDITION OF THE STREETS.

Gloomy as was the aspect above, below the prospect was even more gloomy. The streets everywhere were next to impussable. Broadway was com-paratively in good condition, but the less frequented paratvety in good conductor, out the less requented thoroughfares were simply horrible. The Bowery was a bog. Centre street was in a fair way for the old Collect Pond on which our grandfathers used to skate at Christmas time—where even King William IV. during our Revolution was accustomed to try his skill—to reassort itself in its old condition as a reseh water lake. Canal street was almost ready to flow as of old around the ancient Kalck Hock. What was once Richmoud Hill was a swamp at last, and the denizens of the Eighth and Ninth wards, forgetful that man was the leveller, began to swear that nature had chosen so low a grade for the west side. Up town the evils of slush and mud seemed to be increased rather than diminished. Some of the cross streets were rivulets, some rivers. Not so much as an attempt had been made to clear any of them of the mud and snow which have made them next to impassable during the week. Captain Williams and the Street Cleaning Bureau have not even so much as taken the trouble to look at them. Nobody expects that doughty here to succeed in cleaning the streets any more than people expected it from his predecessor. Like Ralph Hackstraw, the uptown denizen knows the value of a friendly chorus, and one of them said, cartly enough, to a Highald reporter presterday:—"When the sun has melted the snow and ice, and the winds dried the sidewalks and pavements, we may expect to see the brooms and the carts of the P. D."

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As to Captain Williams himself, he did not attempt to disguise the situation.

"What have you been doing since the recent fall of snow?" asked the reporter of the Captain.

"Nothing unusual," he answered.

"Have you employed an increased force upon the streets?"

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"No; only the usual gang."
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"We have removed 2,553 cartloads of snow."
The figures look formidable enough, but in this great city it is scarcely a cartload to a block. With the exception of Broadway nothing of any practicable or appreciable value has been done. The streets yesterday presented even a more forbidding appearance than the day before. Everywhere they were only avenues of black mud and knee-deep slush. In many cases the cooring mass of mud and slush rose above the curbatones and overrun the sidewalks. In the vicinity of the markets matters were at their worst. In order to buy the essential Christmas turkey it was necessary to wade through an ocean of slime.

PERILS OF THE STREETS.

Fortunately the crowd of vehicles in the streets last might was not so great as the night before, Such a jam as was exhibited in Broadway at Park row on Tuesday evening has not been seen for many days. To cross the street anywhere between the Post Office and Fulton street was impossible for hours on the previous day, but last night the skilful voyager could make the run without very great danger. During the day, however, some of the downtown streets were completely blocked with carts and other vehicles, while the oaths of the drivers

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